



Team Bladen

APRIL 2015
Bladen County
Government Newsletter

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

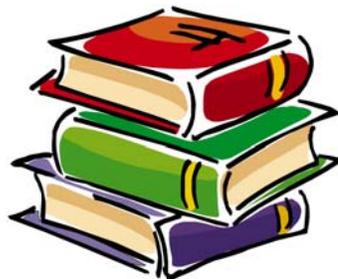
- Co. Manager : Greg Martin
- Animal Control : Kory Hair
- Building Inspections:
 - Matt Chadwick
- Clerk of Courts:
 - Nikki Dennis
- Computer Operations:
 - Robin Hewett
 - Consolidated
- Human Services
- Health: Cris Harrelson
- DSS: Vickie Smith
- Economic Development:
 - Chuck Heustess
- Elections: Cynthia Shaw
- Emergency Services:
 - Fire: Bradley Kinlaw
- EMS: David Howell, Jr.
 - Extension:
 - Ryan Harrelson
- Finance: Lisa Coleman
- Human Resources:
 - Amy Pharr
- Library: Kelsey Edwards
- Operations: Robert Mazur
- Planning: Greg Elkins
- Recreation: Grant Pait
- Register of Deeds:
 - Beverly Parks
- Revenue: Christopher Ellis
- Senior Services: Joan Allen
- Soil & Water: Dean Morris
- Sheriff: James McVicker
- Water: Randy Garner

NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR



WELCOME the new Bladen County Public Library Director, **Kelsey Edwards**. Kelsey was previously employed at the Cumberland County Public Library as the Local and State Manager. Before working at the Cumberland County Public Library, she worked part-time at the Pender County Public Library while completing her Bachelor of Science in Biology at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, and earning her Master of Library Science degree from North Carolina Central University. Kelsey has a special interest in genealogy, which led to her previous position as Local and State History Manager.

Kelsey has been married to her husband Kevin for 3 years and they are the proud parents of Tempe and Cena, two rescue dogs. She and her husband are very involved members of Shiloh Baptist Church in Willard, where they sing in the choir and prepare the weekly bulletins. Kelsey enjoys baking, reading, doing genealogy research, learning about history, and photography.



APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

National Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families. During the month of April and throughout the year, communities are encouraged to share child abuse and neglect prevention awareness strategies and activities and promote prevention across the country. The key Federal legislation addressing child abuse and neglect is the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), originally enacted in 1974 (Public Law 93-247).

KID'S APPRECIATION/CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS DAY 2015

The Elizabethtown Police Department and Bladen County Department of Social Services wish to invite the public to attend their collaborative annual event to promote child safety. **Kid Appreciation and Child Abuse Awareness on Saturday April, 25, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** The event will begin with the community Child Abuse Awareness Walk. Participants will meet on the courthouse lawn at 10:45 a.m. and at 11:00 a.m. begin the walk through downtown to the Town Hall/ Police Department where activities for children, free entertainment and food will be available for purchase. Representatives from agencies that serve children and families will be on site for community education. Programming will include the annual balloon release in memory of children that have lost their lives as a result of abuse.

This is truly a community event with numerous businesses providing financial support and prizes for the occasion. Activities for the children include bounce houses, pony rides, face painting, finer nail painting, free games and the annual Home Run Derby and Basketball Shootout competitions. A drawing will also be held for a bicycle and helmet give away to several lucky kids! Tshirts will also be available for sale.

Come out and bring the kids for a fun and educational day!

For more information or inquiries regarding how you can help, contact Ms. Ellen Bennett at the Elizabethtown Police Department 862-3125 or Ms. Jill Sampson/Janet Miller at Bladen County Department of Social Services, 862-6800.



8K TRAIL RUN AND WALK

Saturday
April 18th

To Benefit The Wounded Warrior Project

This event is not affiliated with the Wounded Warrior Project

EAST BROAD ST. • ELIZABETHTOWN



Sponsored by



REGISTER TODAY!

Presenting the 2nd Annual 8K Trail Run April 18, 2015, at **Brown's Creek Bike Trail**, located at 2354 East Broad Street, Elizabethtown, NC . Pre-registration before April 10, 2015, for \$35 per person.

Please send registration form and payment 8K Trail Run, P.O. BOX 2103, Elizabethtown, NC 28337.

Race Day registration begins at 7 A.M. , at the event location. Packet pick up on Friday, April 17, 2015, at the Cape Fear Farmer's Market, between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Awards for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place overall men and women.

Contact Tiina Mundy at 910. 991.5149 if you have questions.

Bladen Soil and Water Conservation District News

The North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts sponsors, poster, essay, public speaking, and computer generated slide show contests at District, Area, and State Levels. These contests provide students in third through eighth grades opportunities to become aware of share their concerns for soil and water conservation. Bladen Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to announce their year's District first and second place winners. First place entrants advanced to competition at the Area 7 level; *Area 7 Winners have advanced to State Competition. Bladen Soil and Water District expresses appreciation to this year's judges, Greg Elkins of the Bladen County Planning Department, Bruce McLean of Cooperative Extension, and Rodney Musselwhite of the Farm Services Agency. The first and second place district winners, teachers, judges, and other guests, other guests will be recognized at an Awards Luncheon in April.

Winners for this year's contests with the theme, "Wetlands are Wonderful" are:

CONTEST

WINNER

SCHOOL

Public Speaking

8th grade-2nd Place

Masae Coleman

East Arcadia

8th grade-1st Place

*Brenda Dimas-Lopez

Tar Heel

7th Grade-2nd Place

Tamara Grissett

East Arcadia

7th Grade-1st Place

*Madison Cain

Clarkton

Slide Show-6th Grade

2nd Place

Kelsee Long

East Arcadia

1st Place

*Nick Norris

Clarkton

Essay-6th Grade

2nd Place

Andrew Cahn

Clarkton

1st Place

Isaac Meshaw

Tar Heel

Poster

6th Grade-2nd Place

Tandem Hamilton

Elizabethtown Christian Academy

6th Grade-1st Place

*Jordan Pridgen

Clarkton

5th Grade-2nd Place

Christy Edge

Tar Heel

5th Grade-1st Place

Lane Ross

Elizabethton Christian Academy

4th Grade-2nd Place

Chase Knight

Elizabethtown Christian Academy

4th Grade-1st Place

*Julia Deavers

Bladenboro

3rd Grade-2nd Place

Samuel Hernandez

Plain View

3rd Grade-1st Place

*Rylee Brice

Elizabethtown Christian Academy

*Area Winners

BLADEN COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR, RYAN HARRELSON, IS GUEST SPEAKER AT WEST BLADEN



While studying various introductory soil science topics such as general soil composition, erosion, agriculture, overgrazing, and land use, Mrs. Shanna Harrelson's West Bladen High School's Honors Earth/Environmental Sciences classes welcomed **Mr. Ryan Harrelson, Bladen County Extension Director** (with NC State University and NC A & T University) to their classroom.

Mr. Harrelson, originally from Bladen County and raised on a farm, has a unique background which assists him in helping farmers in our area. After college (at UNCP, where he received a BS in Plant Physiology and at NCSU, where he received a MS in Soil Science), he returned to the area as an Extension Agent (Field Crops) and then as the Extension Director. His visit included students actually seeing and working with soil profiles taken from Bladen County. The students (and teacher) appreciated the time Mr. Harrelson spent at WBHS. When students know people in their community take an interest in their education, everyone wins!

Linda Rogers, recognized at the Bladen County Commissioners Meeting, retired March 1st after having served more than 19 years with the Bladen County Sheriff's Office.



The **PINK WARRIORS** Relay For Life team will be having a cake raffle each Thursday until 5/8/15. Tickets are only 50 cent each.

Please call [910-770-8266](tel:910-770-8266) to purchase tickets or for more information on how to support Relay For Life. Pictured: **Beth Singletary**, Bladen County Health Department

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SPRING PIZZAS!

Read more at: <http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/alexandra-guarnaschelli/spring-pizzas-recipe.html?oc=linkback>

Recipe by: **Alexandra Guarnaschelli**



Total Time:

50 min

Prep:

35 min

Cook:

15 min

Yield: Four 6-inch pizzas

Level: Easy

Ingredients

1 pound pizza dough

All-purpose flour, for dusting

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for brushing and drizzling

6 ounces ramps or scallions, trimmed

Kosher salt

1 cup ricotta cheese

1 teaspoon grated lemon zest

Coarse sea salt

Coarsely ground black pepper

1/4 cup fresh basil leaves

Grated parmesan cheese, for topping

Directions

Preheat the oven to 500 degrees F. Divide the dough into 4 pieces on a floured surface. Brush a baking sheet with olive oil. Stretch the dough into four 6-inch rounds; place on the baking sheet and bake until golden, about 12 minutes.

Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Toss the ramps or scallions with 1 tablespoon olive oil and season with kosher salt. Saute until just wilted, about 1 minute. Transfer to a cutting board and cut into pieces.

Mix the ricotta, lemon zest, the remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil and some sea salt and pepper in a bowl. Brush the crusts with olive oil (this will protect them from getting soggy), then spread with the ricotta mixture and season with sea salt. Top with the ramps or scallions. Return to the oven until warmed through, about 2 minutes.

Top the pizzas with basil, parmesan and a drizzle of olive oil.

ANNUAL BLADEN WE CARE GALA

The **Bladen We Care Gala** will be held at The Venue at White Lake on Friday, April 17, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. till 11:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$100 per couple or \$500, which includes two tickets and a table, and are available at Campbell Oil Company—862-4107 ask for Tori Martin; Fisher's, and Bladen We Care Board Members or Minuteman Food Mart by calling 862-8423, Ext. 271, and ask for Kelly Bryan.

There will be an auction, food and reverse raffle with \$2,000, \$1,000, and \$500 winners. There will also be music provided by the Blackwater Rhythm and Blues Band. White is strongly encouraged. This event is also being sponsored by Smithfield Farmland & Murphy-Brown LLC.

Martin, one of the event's many organizers, said, as of March, Bladen We Care has spent 26 years helping folks in Bladen County. In 2014 they spent over \$48,000 in grants and in January 2015 they have issued \$6,400 in individual grants.

Over the years Bladen We Care has partnered with the following organizations assisting with grants: Bladen Baptist Association, Bladen Crisis Center, Bladen Habitat for Humanity, Bladen Free Health Clinic, Bladen Community College Foundation (Nursing Scholarship), Paul R. Brown Health & PE Facility, UNC-Pembroke (Nursing Scholarship for Bladen County Resident), Cape Fear Hospital Volunteer Organization, and the Bladen County School Nurse Program. Bladen We Care has provided transportation to out-of-town hospitals, usually in the form of gas-not money, but paying for gas in advance and has also paid for doctors' appointments so a patient can be seen. The organization has also helped families with special needs children and has provided oxygen for several patients at home. Martin added, "We thank everyone-volunteers, merchants, and vendors—for their 26years of support that have helped us serve the Health Needs in Bladen County. Without this support many families could not be served in a timely and caring manner that Bladen We Care provides."

Another fundraiser planned for Thursday, April 23, is the Byron Gooden Golf Tournament, at Vineyard Gold at White Lake. Applications can be obtained from the golf course, Campbell Oil Company or Minuteman Food Mart. Bladen We Care has no paid employees, so every penny contributed goes to help someone in Bladen County. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT BLADEN WE CARE!



Sheriff Jim McVicker recently purchased a ticket from Mac Campbell, Jr., Chairman of Bladen We

The **37th** Annual
WHITE LAKE WATER FESTIVAL
 May 15 & 16, 2015

Sunshine, white sand and pristine water set the stage for the **37th ANNUAL WHITE LAKE WATER FESTIVAL!**
 The family-oriented fun includes the tractor pull, the classic car show, live bands, dancing, a parade, clowns, vendors, arts, crafts, & more!

Friday, May 15

6:30 - 9 PM

Classic Car Cruise-In

7 - 9 PM

Street Dance at Goldston's Beach 7 - 9 PM Band to be Announced!

Saturday, May 16

10 AM

Parade Leaving Camp Clearwater and Ending at the Scotchman on White Lake Drive

11 AM until

Barbeque Plates at the Fire Department \$7 per plate

10 AM - 5 PM

ALL DAY FUN!

Arts, Crafts, and Vendors at Goldston's Beach

CLOWNS, AMUSEMENT RIDES, FACE PAINTING, PETTING ZOO, AND ENTERTAINMENT ON TWO STAGES

10 AM - 4 PM

Classic Car Show at the Festival Grounds on Hwy. 701 (across from the Scotchman)

8 AM - 12 Noon Registration \$20 per Car

12 Noon - 3 PM Judging

4 PM - **Trophies** Awarded

11 AM - 5 PM

Entertainment under the Main Tent at Goldston's Beach

Lake Side Entertainment on the Waterfront

12 Noon- 1 PM

Meet Parade Marshall **Lindsey Herring**, Miss Bladenboro, at a Meet-and-Greet on the Waterfront Performing Arts Stage at Goldston's Beach.

9 PM - 1 AM

Saturday Night Dance featuring Gary Lowder and the Smokin' Hot

Tickets \$15 per person. Coolers Permitted. No Glass Containers.

Located at The Venue - 1498 White Lake Drive

POTTY PATROL “FLUSHING OUT CANCER” FOR RELAY FOR LIFE

The Potty Patrol started their fundraiser for Bladen County Relay for Life last year. “In one week prior to the relay last year, we raised right at \$10,000 in just six days.” Ashley Norris, one of the group organizers reported. This is their second year, and they are starting earlier this year in hopes of increased donations. The rules from last year apply this year. The potty can be placed in someone’s yard or moved from your yard for a \$10 donation. If you have a potty in your yard and want to pass the potty to a friend’s yard, donate \$20. Give a \$30 donation and the potty won’t come back to your yard this year.

“Please keep in mind that we try to move it as quickly as possible. However, if you wake up with the potty in your yard, please do not destroy it. Give us a call and we will pick it up.” Norris said. She also reminds folks, “If you see a white van pull up and hear a horn blow, please don’t shoot it’s just the potty patrol on the move.” Remember, all the money raised will benefit Relay for Life of Bladen County. Help support a great cause! If they have any questions or want to get the “potty” support started contact the “Potty Patrol” on Facebook, or call Ashley at 910-874-4795, Sarah at 910-876-4265, or Claudette at 910-874-4597.



Relay For Life of Bladen County

Friday, May 8, 2015 - Saturday, May 9, 2015

11 a.m. - 11p.m.

Donate a luminaria, donate by cash or check, or find out if your employer offers a mandatory g

gift program!

www.relayforlife.org/BladenNC

Contact: Mandy Padrick mjpadrick@gmail.com

“Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.”



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3 GOOD FRIDAY—COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED; ELIZABETHTOWN RESCUE BAKE SALE 6 A.M.-11 A.M.; SPRING BREAK BEGINS FOR BLADEN COUNTY STUDENTS

4 JONES LAKE STATE PARK EASTER EGG HUNT 10 A.M. -2 P.M.

5 EASTER

6 PRAYER SERVICE 8:15 A.M.; BLUE MONDAY SHAD FESTIVAL, LOCK & DAM #1, EAST ARCADIA, 11:30 A.M.; CLARKTON LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CLARKTON LIBRARY, 4 P.M.; PLANNING BOARD, 5:30 P.M.; TOWN COUNCIL, 7:00 P.M.

7 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 6:30 P.M.

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9 BRIDGER MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BLADENBORO LIBRARY, 4 P.M.; BLADEN COUNTY FIRE ASSN., BLADENBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT 7 P.M.

10 DETENTION CENTER PROJECT OUTREACH MEETING, ETOWN FARMER'S MARKET, 8 A.M.-3 P.M.

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12 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK BEGINS

13 BLADEN COUNTY SENIOR CENTER FASHION SHOW, 10 A.M.; SPRING BREAK ENDS FOR BLADEN COUNTY STUDENTS

14 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK: INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY —ARE YOU CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY HISTORY, BUT AREN'T SURE WHERE TO START? PLEASE JOIN US ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015 AT 6 PM FOR AN INTRODUCTORY GENEALOGY CLASS PRESENTED BY LIBRARY DIRECTOR KELSEY EDWARDS.

15 GRANDPARENTS & KINDSHIP CAREGIVERS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP, BLADEN CO. DIVISION ON AGING, 10 A.M.-11:30 A.M.

16 2015 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FAIR, HEALTH DEPARTMENT, 11 A.M.-2 P.M.; NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK KID'S PROGRAM "READING IS FUNDAMENTAL", BLADEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY 6:30 PM

17 BLADEN COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS; ANNUAL BLADEN WE CARE GALA, THE VENUE AT WHITE LAKE, 7 P.M. -11 P.M.

18 8K TRAIL RUN, BROWN'S CREEK BIKE TRAIL, 7 A.M.; NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK ENDS

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20 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 6:30 P.M.

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23 DETENTION CENTER PROJECT OUTREACH MEETING, EAST BLADEN, 4 P.M.-7 P.M.; BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING: NC LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION 6:30 P.M.

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25 KID'S APPRECIATION/CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS DAY 2015, TOWN HALL/POLICE DEPT, 11 A.M.-3 P.M.

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29 APRIL LUNCH & LEARN, POWELL-MELVIN, NOON & 1 P.M.

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RELAY FOR LIFE OF BLADEN COUNTY WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2015-SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2015 AT THE ELIZABETHTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD, 1496 US HIGHWAY 701 N, ELIZABETHTOWN, NC.

SUNSHINE, WHITE SAND, AND PRISTINE WATER SET THE STAGE FOR THE 37TH ANNUAL WHITE LAKE WATER FESTIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN ON FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015